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Presented for filing is a new continuation patent application of:

Applicant: WALLACE T.Y. TANG

Title: N-SITU REAL-TIME MONITORING TECHNIQUE AND

APPARATUS FOR ENDPOINT DETECTION OF THIN FILMS

DURING CHEMICAL/MECHANICAL POLISHING

PLANARIZATION

The prior application is assigned of record to Applied Materials, Inc., a Delaware corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on August 29, 2000 at 011129/0589.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

| | <u>Pages</u> |
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| Specification | 10 |
| Claims (36 Total and 5 Independent) | 5 |
| Abstract | 1 |
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| Drawing(s) | 4 |

Enclosures:

- Copy of Revocation and New Appointment of Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address; and copy of Certificate Under 37 CFR 3.73(b).
- Two Postcards.

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. Application Serial No. 07/996,817, filed December 28, 1992. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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A check for the filing fee is enclosed. Please apply any other required fees or any credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing the attorney docket number shown above.

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